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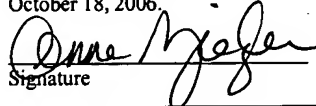
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006, Applicant requests reconsideration for allowance of the claims pending per this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.